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FICTION AND POETRY FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Aya de Yopougon
In English: Aya
par Marguerite Abouet / 2005-2010

Days by Moonlight
by André Alexis / 2019

Inventory
by Dionne Brand / 2006

The Tradition
by Jericho Brown / 2019

Washington Black
by Esi Edugyan / 2018

Butter Honey Pig Bread
by Francesca Ekwuyasi / 2020

Daughters of Silence
by Rebecca Fisseha / 2019

The Return
In French: L’énigme du retour
by Dany Laferrière, trans. David Homel / 2009

Shut Up You’re Pretty
by Téa Mutonji / 2019

The Great Black North:
Contemporary African Canadian Poetry
by Valerie Mason-John / 2013

Such a Lonely, Lovely Road
by Kagiso Lesego Molope / 2018

Autour de ton cou : nouvelles
In English: The Thing Around Your Neck
par Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie / 2013

The Midnight Bargain
by C. L. Polk / 2020

The Missing American
by Kwei Quartey / 2020

Frying Plantain
by Zalika Reid-Benta / 2019

I’m Not Dying with You Tonight
by Gilly Segal and Kimberly Jones / 2019

Dear Justyce
by Nic Stone / 2020 (Teens)

On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas / 2019 (Teens)

The Nickel Boys
by Colson Whitehead / 2019

The Rage of Dragons
by Evan Winter / 2019

NON-FICTION FOR ADULTS

Unapogetic: A Black, Queer, and Feminist Mandate for Radical Movements
by Charlene A. Carruthers / 2018

I’ve Been Meaning to Tell You: A Letter to My Daughter
by David Chariandy / 2018

Odysseys Home: Mapping African-Canadian Literature
by George Elliott Clarke / 2017

The Skin We’re In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power
by Desmond Cole / 2020

The Hanging of Angélique:
The Untold Story of Canadian Slavery and the Burning of Old Montréal
In French: La pendaison d’Angélique: l’histoire de l’esclavage au Canada et de l’incendie de Montréal
by Alua Cooper / 2006

In the Black
by B. Denham Jolly / 2017

Until We Are Free:
Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada
edited by Rodney Diverlus et al / 2020

Dreaming of Elsewhere:
Observations on Home
by Esi Edugyan / 2014

Black Writers Matter
by Whitney French / 2019

They Said This Would Be Fun:
Race, Campus Life and Growing Up
by Eternity Martis / 2020

Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada from Slavery to the Present
by Robyn Maynard / 2017

Shame on Me: An Anatomy of Race and Belonging
by Tessa McWatt / 2020

Blank: Essays and Interviews
by M. NourbeSe Philip / 2017

Queer Returns
by Rinaldo Walcott / 2016
Author Spotlight

**Maya Angelou** was an American poet, writer and civil rights activist. She is well known for her poetry and autobiographies including *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.

**Dionne Brand** is a Canadian author, poet and essayist. Her titles include *Bread Out of Stone: Recollections on Sex, Recognitions, Race, Dreaming and Politics* and *The Blue Clerk* which was shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize and Governor General's Award. **Photo credit:** Jason Chow

**Lawrence Hill** is a Canadian writer of novels, essays and memoir. Two of his books have won Canada Reads - *The Book of Negroes* and *The Illegal* and *The Deserter's Tale: the Story of an Ordinary Soldier Who Walked Away from the War in Iraq* has been published in several languages.

**Austin Clarke** was an author of novels, essays, poetry and short stories. Born in Barbados, Clarke came to Canada to study in Toronto and then pursued writing and journalism. His notable books include Giller Prize winner *The Polished Hoe* and *In Your Crib*. **Photo credit:** Chris Cushman

**bell hooks** is an American social activist, scholar, and writer on topics of gender, racism, oppression and culture. She has written non-fiction, essays and books for children. **Photo Credit:** Alex Lozupone

**CHILDREN’S FICTION**

**Mae Among the Stars**
by Roda Ahmed / 2018

**Hair Love**
In French: *Nos boucles au naturel*
by Matthew A. Cherry / 2019

**Africville**
by Shauntay Grant / 2018 ✨

**Black is a Rainbow Color**
by Angela Joy / 2020

**Sulwe**
by Lupita Nyong’o / 2019

**Boonoonoous Hair!**
by Olive Senior / 2020 ✨

**Genesis Begins Again**
by Alicia Williams / 2019

**CHILDREN’S NON-FICTION**

**The Undefeated**
by Kwame Alexander / 2019

**The Little Boy from Jamaica: A Canadian History Story**
by Devon and Pearlene Clunis / 2017 ✨

**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History**
by Jamia Wilson / 2017

**Rise! : From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou**
by Bethany Hegedus and Tonya Engel / 2019

**Harriet Tubman : Freedom Fighter**
by Nadia L. Hohn / 2019 ✨

**Carter Reads the Newspaper**
by Deborah Hopkinson and Don Tate / 2019

**La détermination de Viola Desmond**
In English: *Viola Desmond Won’t Be Budged* par Jody Nyasha Warner / 2010 ✨

**I Am Farmer: Growing an Environmental Movement in Cameroon**
by Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul / 2019

**Wilma Rudolph**
by M. I. Sánchez Vegara / 2019

**Young, Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present**
by Jamia Wilson / 2018